

## A CANOEING .... EPISODE

[Original.]  
"Steady. Don't stir. I'll be with you in a moment."

A young girl in a narrow, sharp pointed boat, with rowlocks on outriggers, had been caught in some rushes where the current was strong, had lost control of the boat and was on the point of being capsized. A young man in a canoe was paddling swiftly toward her. He caught her boat by the nose, extricated it from the rushes, picked up an oar from the water, handed it to her and held the boat till she had got both oars in position.

"Look out! Don't get flustered. There; dip both oars at once."

But instructions did not avail. The girl was demoralized, and every move she made tended to destroy her equilibrium. The young man attempted to instruct her, but lost his patience, called her stupid, apologized and ended by taking her into his canoe. Then, towing her boat behind, he paddled upstream.

"Where shall I take you?" he asked. "Up where the lake begins. We have a little summer cottage there."

Horace Fletcher had just been graduated from one of the oldest colleges in the country. He had been captain of the university boating team and had been a medium scholar. In other words, he was an "all round" good man. Nothing seemed more physically and intellectually helpless than this young girl, who did not look to be more than seventeen—she wore a skirt to her ankles—who had no skill to sit in a narrow boat and hadn't sense enough to keep out of one. As he paddled on he felt it his duty to say something to her and, being full of college life, began to chat about it. She listened to him attentively while he told her of college athletics, college pranks and college gatherings of girls and students—indeed, just such matters as would interest a schoolgirl.

She made so little response to all this that Fletcher at last relapsed into silence. "She's better fitted," he remarked to himself, "for a kindergarten than a companion for a grown man." But silence was not entertaining, and Fletcher, thinking that his conversation might not have been simple enough for her, started in again, this time gauging his chat for a girl of fourteen.

"Girls differ as to their amusements," he said. "I have known a girl of sixteen who was a companion for a grown man, and I have known a girl of fourteen who hadn't yet given up her doll. Do you—I mean, rather, did you—take much interest in dolls?"

"I've got them all now," she replied. "I think there are six of them."

"H'm! Well, some girls don't like to part with their dolls."

The girl looked over the water toward a cottage they were nearing and said that she thought she would rather pull home herself than be indignantly carried home. So Fletcher put her into her boat, started her, and by this time, having collected her faculties, she did fairly well. He watched her till she reached the landing, then pulled on to a summer hotel a short distance beyond, where he proposed to spend the night.

He found the guests dining on the piazza, the dining room having been cleared for a hop that was to be held that evening. Stumbling on some people he knew, they persuaded him to take part in the festivities, though he was obliged to do so in canoeing costume. When the music struck up for the first dance he noticed a girl come in on the arm of an elderly man, gracefully sweeping the waxen floor with a train of white skirts, and it suddenly dawned upon him that she was the girl he had rescued. Passing him she gave him a cordial smile in which there was mingled something of amusement. It was evident to Fletcher that he had been mistaken as to the girl's age, that the short skirt she had worn was for boating and that he had been making a guy of himself. He rushed to one of his friends for information.

"That girl," said the person inquired of, "is Miss Edith Hawthorne. She has just been graduated from college, taking every honor for the senior year and most of the prizes during the rest of the courses. She is considered to have the best mind of any woman who has been graduated at college since it was organized. Shall I present you to her?"

"Present me! Rather take me out and drown me!" Miss Hawthorne was looking at them and, though she could not hear the words spoken, saw by Fletcher's expression their intent and, walking across the floor, joined them with all the confidence of a middle aged woman.

"I want to thank you," she said to Fletcher. "For extricating me today and apologizing for permitting you to mistake me in my short skirt for a little miss. Your error was apparent from the start, and I could not resist the temptation to let you go on in it." "I will forgive you for a dance," said Fletcher, the color of a Jacqueminot

rose, and, to cut an embarrassing interview short, he sailed away with her to the inspiring music.

When they parted they had discovered that they had mutual friends in the city.

"Good night," said Miss Hawthorne. "When we all get home come and see my dolls. I have them all in a little room by themselves. They've been there since I gave them up. But I was only twelve, not fourteen."

Fletcher's canoeing trip was ended. He remained where he was till the last day of his vacation, then followed his schoolgirl to the city.

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## ALL OVER THE HOUSE.

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The laundress finds it softening hard water, whitening her clothes without destroying them.

The table maid finds it giving new luster to her glass, lays her silver in a hot solution of it and does not have to cleanse it laboriously half so often.

### Kitchen Suggestions.

Clean your iron cooking utensils with a piece of soft red brick.

Brown paper moistened in vinegar will polish your tins until they shine like silver.

Rub a drop of olive oil on your knives and forks before putting them away, and they will retain their brightness and be free from rust.

To clean flatirons, rub them on green cedar.

Wash your stove with vinegar before polishing and mark the result.

Pour a tablespoonful of castor oil around the roots of your calla lilies to produce quick, large blooming.—Woman's Home Companion.

### The Dining Table.

The care of the dining room table is very simple. Once a week rub hard with a soft flannel moistened with paraffin oil and turpentine, then with a piece of soft, old linen. Let it rest for an hour, then rub hard with a piece of chamois or clean, old linen. Give it a daily rubbing with chamois or linen. White spots on a table can often be removed by rubbing with kerosene. If the spots are very deep, rub gently and rapidly with linseed oil and powdered rottenstone. Do not use great pressure, and be sure not to let the powder get dry.—Ladies' Home Journal.

### Spiced Cherries.

Spiced cherries are an enjoyable relish and can easily be kept all winter. They are made of four pounds of whole cherries, over which must be poured while boiling for four successive days a quart of vinegar boiled with two pounds of sugar, the peel of two lemons, two ounces of stick cinnamon and one of whole cloves. The spices should be kept in a muslin bag. On the fifth day boil the cherries with the vinegar and put while hot in closely sealed jars. Plums or damsons may be pickled in the same way.

### Lemon Soap.

Kept as a soap on the toilet table, a slice of lemon will work wonders on the skin. Its acid searches out the hidden grime that may be contained in the pores and cleanses these tiny pipes as soap could never do. No polisher for the nails can excel in efficiency this same lemon juice, which takes out all stains from the corners of the nails, polishes up their horny texture, makes them shine and softens the thin skin at the roots so that the half moons at the end show up well.

### Worth Knowing.

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### Antidotes For Poisons.

Soda, saleratus, potash or any other alkali is rendered harmless by acids, as vinegar, tomato juice, etc. Arsenic needs oil or melted fat, with magnesia and lime water in large quantities, till free vomiting is brought about.

Phosphorus, which is quite frequently bitten off the ends of matches by children, demands magnesia and large drafts of gum arabic or any other sort of gum water.

### Sweetening Sour Milk.

An experienced cook states that sour milk in which soda has been thoroughly dissolved in the proportion of one-quarter teaspoonful of soda to one cupful of milk can be used as sweet milk if only a little less baking powder is used in the flour than with sweet milk.

List your land, if in Randall county, with Brandon at the News office. He will have some purchasers here before long. See him about this.

### A Gotham Incident.

There are all sorts of people in New York, even to a motorman who stops his car long enough to lie down on the sidewalk and have a fit. He wanted to proceed on his journey after it was over, but an ambulance surgeon and a policeman prevented. By an odd coincidence there was a basement shoe shop opposite where he stopped his car in which was a sign, "Come In and Have a Fit."

### The Sea Serpent.

Scientists are seriously considering the report of the commander of the French gunboat *Avalanche*, who tells of having twice seen a sea serpent in the bay of Faifailong, on the coast of Tonquin. It did not differ from the usual vision, being huge in size, with a ruffle along its back. Shots fired at it glanced harmlessly. Cameras were brought on deck, but the monster had disappeared.

### Matrimonial Advertisement in India.

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